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Attention: Acting Chief, RCO

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Assistant Director for Operations

Proposed Revision in Format of FBI's Daily Report of Foreign Radio Broadcasts

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1. The Office of Operations believes that the FBI's Daily Reports might be of greater value to ORR and other governmental research and intelligence agencies if the mechanics involved in referring to them were simplified by a revision of format. The Daily Reports in their present form are difficult for intelligence researchers to use for the following reasons:

- a. Material from a single country is divided between an unclassified and a "restricted" Report.
 - b. The indexing is inadequate.
 - c. Reference to a specific item requires knowledge of the date, country, location of transmitter, and whether it was a "voice" or "press" transmission.
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2. The attached memorandum from Chief, FBI, discusses possible changes in format, layout or organization of the Daily Report which would overcome or minimize these disadvantages to the researcher. It indicates the impracticability of certain suggested changes from the point of view of FBI, and recommends others which could be effected within the present physical and operational limitations of the branch.
3. On the basis of this study, it is proposed that FBI publish four reports daily. One, unclassified, would be for non-Government recipients and would be identical with the present unclassified report except for colored title pages between sections. The other three reports would combine "voice" and "press" material into a single book, one for each of the three principal geographical areas; Latin America, Europe, and Far East. These would be classified "restricted", have distinctively colored covers, and be distributed to Government agencies only.

4. Your comments on the above proposal are requested. It is also suggested that a survey of IAC recipients be conducted to determine the desires of the users and the reaction of researchers to the changes outlined in detail in the recommendations of the attached memorandum. The FBI study may not adequately reflect the opinion of ORR and other using agencies, and the survey might disclose additional changes which would be within the capabilities of FBI and would increase the value of the Daily Report as a source of intelligence information.

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